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Mr. Andrew W. Marshall  
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Dear Andy:

25X1 [ ] has forwarded your letter of 22 April concerning  
the Project 186 Study. I am pleased to learn that you feel CIA's  
25X1 participation has been very helpful, and I consider this a commendation  
of [ ] efforts. I would hope that we could reclaim [ ] 25X1  
services to work on a research paper on the Soviet military pay system  
which we had to delay while he was working on Project 186.

I agree that Phase I of the Study has brought to light some  
interesting hypotheses about ground force asymmetries which require  
fuller examination and that the tactical air relationship will need to  
be looked at in detail in Phase II. Your request for a full-time man  
on the tactical air problem presents us with some problems, however.

First is the fact that we only have four analysts now working  
on that subject, and they are all fully occupied with the MBFR data  
base, a task that will continue for some time.

Second, I am somewhat puzzled by the part of your letter which  
describes your concept of what a CIA analyst would do on Phase II--  
"generally participate in the working group's activity... [and] ... report  
to the working group chairman and get his assignments from him."  
If this means that we would lose control of our man and that he could  
be assigned to work on matters not directly concerned with Soviet  
forces, I cannot accept this concept. Specifically, I would like to  
limit our participation to the foreign aspects of the problem and not  
to have our man get directly involved in working on the US side.

Because of these two problems and because your letter gives me no understanding of how long you expect this Phase II to last, I suggest that we discuss this more fully so that I will have a better basis for making my decision.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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